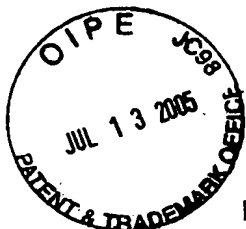


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July 13, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.